
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF A TRANS-PACIFIC
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, CANADA,
CHILE, MALAYSIA, MEXICO, NEW ZEALAND, PERU, SINGAPORE,
VIETNAM, AND THE UNITED STATES.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is located in the middle of
2 the Pacific Ocean and forms a bridge between the many nations of
3 Asia, the Pacific, and South America; and
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5 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii draws economic and cultural
6 strength from its ties with the nations surrounding the Pacific
7 Ocean; and
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9 WHEREAS, the successful hosting of the Asia-Pacific
10 Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' Meeting held in Honolulu,
11 Hawaii in November 2011, demonstrated the benefits of
12 international cooperation and symbolized Hawaii's central role
13 in the Asia-Pacific Century; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Trans-Pacific Partnership comprising
16 Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand,
17 Peru, Singapore, the United States, and Vietnam offers a
18 potential pathway to the APEC goal of free and open trade and
19 investment in the Asia-Pacific region; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement will
22 deepen economic linkages among its members by opening up trade
23 in goods and services, boosting investment flows, and promoting
24 closer links; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Trans-Pacific Partnership will assist in
27 increasing United States exports and providing more and better
28 jobs for Americans as well as residents of the State of Hawaii;
29 now, therefore,
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation, and the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, who in turn is requested to transmit certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution to the heads of the nations and their respective legislative bodies in Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam.

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